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SUBJECT: UNGA THIRD COMMITTEE 2008 HUMAN RIGHTS PRIORITIES: VIETNAM

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(SBU) On September, 4 Poloff met with MFA International Organizations Human Rights Section Desk Officer Ms. Phung Thi Lan Huong to deliver reftel points outlining U.S. priorities for the UNGA Third Committee. In response, Ms. Huong stated that she would immediately relay the points to her superiors regarding no-action motions, country-specific resolutions and U.S. opposition to the promotion of "defamation of religions." She noted that the GVN is very familiar with the U.S. positions relating to the Third Committee and human rights. She said that the MFA would take the points under consideration, but pointed out that in general Vietnam opposes country-specific resolutions.